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By Stephanie Sink

Photo by Brandon Alvarado

With only 16,000 available parking spaces throughout campus and more than 30,000 students and faculty fighting over them, there is no doubt the Iowa State Parking Division has a lot on their hands. An average day on the job includes handing out more than 250 tickets and towing an average of one car. That doesn't include the cars that are towed the night before football games, but we won't get into that. Not only do they get to take control and issue tickets, but the parking division officers get to hear some of the best excuses out there. "One of the best excuses I've heard was 'It must have been my twin brother,' but after talking to the mother we found out he was an only child," said Mishelle Michel, officer coordinator at the parking division.

According to Mark Miller, parking manager at the parking division, there were a total of 16,480 campus parking permits issued last year. Next time you're driving around campus trying to find a place to park, your best bet is to remember that if you don't have a parking permit for a designated spot or parking lot, don't park there! Bonus: the officers don't enforce parking laws on Sundays. So park away. ■

## Some basic rules to remember when parking on campus, according to the Iowa State DPS webpage:

- All vehicles operating on the Iowa State campus are to be registered with the Parking Division Office. Parking staff will determine which type of permit is available to meet your needs.
- Park only in areas valid for your permit or park in a metered or pay-per-hour lot.
- Most lots have restricted usage from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Read the signs posted at the entrance of each lot to see what restrictions apply.
- Avoid parking in stalls designated for persons with disabilities or 24-hour reserve stalls unless you have the appropriate permit.
- All Cy-Ride routes are scheduled to be free for Iowa State students carrying an Iowa State identification card. **E**